

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace paragraph [0001] with the following amended paragraph:

[0001] This application is a divisional application of U.S. Application Serial No. 10/072,772, filed February 8, 2002, and claims benefit to U.S. Provisional No. 60/270,379 filed on February 21, 2001. The present invention relates to hemostatic compositions and methods for their use, especially in dental procedures. More particularly, the present invention is directed to an improved hemostatic dental composition that can be applied to all dental tissues. In addition, the present invention is directed to hemostatic compositions which are versatile enough to be used to treat most types of soft tissue.